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In re application of:

Glenna Burner *et al.*

Application No.: 09/802,718

Filed: March 8, 2001

For: NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES
ASSOCIATED WITH AGING,
PARTICULARLY SKIN AGING

Examiner: Unassigned

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the application prior to examination on the merits, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification on page 1, lines 8-10 as follows:

STATEMENT AS TO RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS MADE UNDER
FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

This invention was made with government support under SBIR grant number 5
R44 AG16550 awarded by the NIH. The Government has certain rights in this invention.

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REMARKS

As required, Applicants have amended the above-referenced patent applicatn to include a statement regarding government support.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

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